

MINUTES OF MEETING
OF
SOUTH CAROLINA COMMISSION ON HIGHER EDUCATION
BAPTIST COLLEGE AT CHARLESTON
October 4, 1990
10:30 a.m.

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MEMBERS PRESENT

Mr. William J. Whitener, Chairman
Dr. D. Glenburn Askins, Jr.
Mr. Tom Moore Craig
Mr. Fred L. Day
Ms. Elaine Freeman
Mr. Palmer Freeman, Sr.
Mr. Robert C. Gallager
Mr. Marvin C. Jones
Mr. Edward T. McMullen, Jr.
Mr. Lewis Phillips

MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Kenneth E. Goad
Mr. Roger E. Henderson
Ms. Reba Anne Kinon
Mr. Harry W. Miley, Jr.
Dr. Raymond C. Ramage
Mr. Edwin E. Tolbert, Jr.
Mr. Joseph J. Turner, Jr.
Ms. Mildred R. Williams

STAFF

Mr. Todd E. Barnette
Dr. Jeffrey P. Bartkovich
Mr. Michael L. Brown
Ms. Sandra Carr
Dr. Robert A. Day
Dr. Jeanette Deas
Mr. Alan S. Krech
Ms. Lynn Metcalf
Dr. Gail M. Morrison
Dr. Robert K. Poch
Mr. Jeff Richards
Mr. Fred R. Sheheen
Mr. John E. Smalls
Ms. Janet K. Stewart
Dr. John C. Sutusky
Ms. Gaylon Syrett
Dr. Aileen C. Trainer
Ms. Julia Wells

GUESTS

Dr. Janis P. Bellack
Ms. Katherine Bristow
Mr. Bob Broadhead
Dr. Dean Cleghorn
Ms. Naomi Dreher
Dr. Barbara Gottesman
Dr. Sharon E. Hoffman
Dr. Jairy C. Hunter, Jr.
Dr. Harry M. Lightsey, Jr.
Mr. Howard Lundy
Dr. Albert M. Lyles
Dr. Janice Poda
Mr. Charles Shawver
Dr. Earline Simms
Mr. Sterling Smith
Ms. Jackie Stanley
Ms. Melinda Tabor
Mr. Floyd Tyler
Mr. Don Tyner
Dr. Edwin Wilde

MEMBERS OF THE PRESS

Mr. Herb Frazier
Mr. Bruce Smith

For the record, notification of the meeting was made to the media as required by the Freedom of Information Act.

I. Welcoming Remarks

President Hunter welcomed the Commission to Baptist College at Charleston and invited members, guests, and staff to a luncheon following the meeting. Mr. Whitener thanked President Hunter for being so gracious during the Commission's visit to Baptist College at Charleston.

II. Introductions

Mr. Whitener welcomed Ms. Elaine Freeman, Spartanburg, recently appointed by Governor Campbell to a statewide term on the Commission; and Mr. Edward McMullen, Columbia, appointed to the Commission by Governor Campbell to fill a vacancy in the 2nd Congressional District. Ms. Freeman's term will expire on July 26, 1991, and Mr. McMullen's term will expire on July 26, 1994.

III. Approval of Minutes of Meetings of August 27-28 and September 6, 1990

It was moved (Gallager), seconded (Day), and voted that the minutes of the meetings of August 27-28 and September 6, 1990, be approved as written.

IV. Presentation on Funding Initiatives

Dr. Harry Lightsey, Chairman of the Council of College Presidents, gave a report on funding initiatives. He noted that research is underway on ideas and concerns of higher education in the State. In August, the Council voted unanimously to work with the Commission on Higher Education towards these mutual goals.

V. Report on Accelerated LPN-to-BSN Program at the Medical University of South Carolina

Dr. Sharon Hoffman, Dean of the College of Nursing, stated that the College has been awarded a three-year, \$270,000 grant by the Teagle Foundation, Inc. to support the development and implementation of an accelerated LPN-to-BSN program. The first students were admitted this fall. The funds enable the College of Nursing to offer financial and academic support for 10 to 20 LPNs each year, in addition to traditional BSN and RN-to-MSN students.

Dr. Janis Bellack, Associate Professor of Nursing, identified four major goals for the project: 1) To develop and implement an innovative curricular model of accelerated BSN education for LPNs; 2) To ensure faculty readiness to implement an accelerated LPN-to-BSN program through effective faculty development strategies; 3) To recruit 10 to 20 qualified LPNs each year to enroll in and complete an accelerated LPN-to-BSN program; and 4) To provide

academic, financial, and social support for students enrolled in the LPN-to-BSN program to ensure their success.

VI. Report of the Executive Committee

Mr. Whitener reported on the following matters:

A. Consideration of 1990-91 Budgets for Teacher Recruitment Programs

The FY 1990-91 Appropriations Act with respect to the EIA sponsored projects at Benedict College, South Carolina State College, and the South Carolina Teacher Recruitment Center requires that the Commission on Higher Education distribute funds and ensure that all funds are used to promote teacher recruitment on a statewide basis. The Commission shall also ensure the continued coordination of efforts among the three teacher recruitment projects, shall review the use of funds, and shall have prior program and budget approval. Annually, the Commission shall evaluate the effectiveness of each of the teacher recruitment projects and shall report its findings and its program and budget recommendations to the House and Senate Education Committees and the Education Improvement Act Select Committee by December 1.

The Commission staff reviewed and visited each of the sites during the process of budget negotiation, and each of the project directors has approved the budget for the respective projects.

The Executive Committee recommended that the proposed EIA project budgets for Benedict College, S. C. State College, and the South Carolina Teacher Recruitment Center be approved by the Commission. Attached as Exhibit A are the budgets for FY 1990-91.

It was moved (Day), seconded (Jones), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

B. Consideration of Appropriation Requests for FY 91-92 for Activities Funded Through the Education Improvement Act

1. Teacher Loan Program - The EIA (1984) authorized the establishment of a loan program for prospective teachers, the loan principal and interest to be forgiven at specified rates for service as a teacher in the State in either specified geographic areas or subject matter areas or both. The operation of the program was assigned to the Student Loan Corporation. The Commission was charged with the responsibility of establishing regulations to govern the program with the annual responsibility of recommending the State appropriations necessary for its operation.

In consultation with the Commission staff, the staff of the Student Loan Corporation requested State appropriations of \$4.53 million for FY 91-92. With an estimated \$0.8 million to be available from the revolving fund, a total of approximately \$5.0

million would be available for loans to borrowers. This amount is based on the actual expenditures and unmet borrower needs of the past several years.

The Executive Committee recommended that a State appropriation of \$4.53 million for the Teacher Loan Program for FY 91-92 be approved.

It was moved (Jones), seconded (Craig), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

2. Governor's Scholarship Loan Program - As a provision of the Target 2000 legislation (1990), the Governor's Teacher Scholarship Loan Program was authorized. The program is similar to that of the existing Teacher Loan Program, except that borrowers may have loans forgiven for any teaching service within the State without restriction as to geographic or subject matter area. Operational responsibility was assigned to the Student Loan Corporation, and the Commission has the responsibilities of adopting regulations to govern the program and of making requests for the annual appropriations which will be required.

In consultation with the Commission staff, the staff of the Student Loan Corporation recommended that the appropriation for this program be \$1.0 million.

The Executive Committee recommended an appropriation of \$1.0 million for the Governor's Teacher Scholarship Loan Program for FY 91-92.

It was moved (Jones), seconded (Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

3. Teacher Recruitment (Teacher Recruitment Center, S. C. State College, and Benedict College) - The South Carolina Teacher Recruitment Center is requesting \$922,461, a \$169,065 increase from FY 90-91. This increase represents an offset for the end of the Clark Foundation grant funded since 1989-90, salary increases, additional resource support for the S. C. Teacher Recruitment Fair, and increased activity in the Teacher Cadet program and the ProTeam program. Benedict College is requesting an increase of \$25,000 for a total budget request of \$200,000. This request reflects an increase in the number of forgivable loan packages offered at Benedict, the establishment of two new PreMate sites, and an increase in the number of summer program participants. S. C. State College is requesting \$200,000 for FY 90-91; no budget increases or programmatic changes are proposed.

The staff is concerned about the proposed escalation in resources devoted to these programs. Each of the programs needs time to develop and enhance the projects already in place, before new sites and additional activities are funded. Maintaining the current (FY 90-91) level of program support appears to be a prudent action, particularly during periods of limited financial resources.

The Executive Committee recommended that the proposed EIA project budgets for Benedict College, S. C. State College, and the South Carolina Teacher Recruitment Center continue at the current level. The FY 91-92 appropriations should be:

S. C. Teacher Recruitment Center	\$753,396
Benedict College	175,000
S. C. State College	200,000

It was moved (Jones), seconded (Craig), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be approved.

4. Centers of Excellence in Teacher Education - The Education Improvement Act of 1984 provides for the development of centers of excellence in teacher training in public and private colleges. In the current fiscal year, there are four Centers of Excellence in operation. These include Centers in mathematics and science education at Clemson University, in early childhood education at Winthrop College, in educational technology for the learning disabled and visually handicapped at USC-Columbia, and in foreign language instruction at Furman University with cooperation of USC-Spartanburg.

The Centers of Excellence program has requested \$367,850 for the fiscal year 1991-92 to be allocated as follows:

USC-Columbia	\$ 39,500*
Furman University	95,858*
Allocation for new Centers	225,492
Commission on Higher Education	7,000**
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	\$ 367,850

* Tentative allocation

** For evaluation of Centers

The Executive Committee recommended approval of the EIA budget for the Centers of Excellence program for FY 1991-92.

It was moved (Craig), seconded (E. Freeman), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

5. Center for School Leadership - The Commission authorized the establishment of a Center for the Advancement of Teaching and School Leadership under the authority granted to it by Section 59-18-25 of Act 194 (1989). Appropriations from the General Assembly for the Center have been transferred through the Commission to Winthrop College, the Center's fiscal agent.

The Executive Committee recommended that the EIA project appropriation for the South Carolina Center for the Advancement of Teaching and School Leadership be approved in the amount of \$621,000, an increase of 3.5% over the FY 90-91 appropriation. The Executive Committee recommended further that funds from the FY 92-93 budget, in an amount to be established in consultation

with Commission staff, be set aside for an evaluation of the Center to be conducted by the Commission in FY 92-93.

It was moved (Jones), seconded (Craig), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

VII. Report of Committee on Business and Finance

Consideration of Recommendations Concerning an Alternative Method of Distributing Formula Dollars Under Defined Circumstances

At the meeting of the Business and Finance Committee on August 28, the staff was asked to develop recommendations for alternative methods of allocating the 1991-92 appropriations in the event of receiving a very low percentage of formula funding.

The Business and Finance Committee met on October 4 and recommended that an alternative method of allocating Formula funds for 1991-92 not be considered at this time but that various options be studied, and a recommendation be brought to the Committee on Business and Finance by November 1, 1990.

This report is for information only.

VIII. Report of Committee on Facilities

Consideration of Pediatric Magnetic Resonance Imaging Machine, Purchase and Renovations, Medical University of South Carolina

At the Commission meeting in September, it was voted to defer action on a facility request regarding renovations necessary for the acquisition of a Pediatric Magnetic Resonance Imaging machine. The vote to defer was in order to seek a response from the Medical University concerning the possibility of locating the machine on the ground floor to avoid the cost of structural modifications to the building.

The Medical University responded that the first floor is a reinforced slab, and additional reinforcing and additional concrete depth would be required to increase its load capacity. The entire area would have to be externally reinforced by structural steel beams supported from the foundation. This would be much more costly than reinforcing an upper floor. Further, the MRI machine should be immediately adjacent to the clinical activity of the Pediatric Cardiology Division on the sixth floor to avoid unnecessary patient transport problems.

The Committee recommended that this request be approved, providing that the University is successful in receiving the Certificate of Need for purchase of the MRI machine. It was moved (Craig), seconded (Phillips), and voted that the recommendation of the Committee be adopted.

IX. Report of the Commissioner

Mr. Sheheen reported that due to the Radisson Hotel's closing, the

Professor of the Year banquet on October 15 will be held at the Russell House Ballroom on the University of South Carolina campus in Columbia.

X. Resolutions Honoring Mr. T. Emmet Walsh and Mr. James A. Rogers

The Commission on Higher Education notes with regret the recent deaths of two of its respected and distinguished former members, Mr. James A. Rogers and Mr. T. Emmet Walsh. Mr. Whitener stated that resolutions in memory of the two gentlemen will be sent to their families.

Respectfully submitted,



Janet K. Stewart
Recording Secretary